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SUBJ: TRADE OPPORTUNITY FOR RICE

1. THE STATE EMPLOYEES CO-OP, A GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, HAS SENT THE EMBASSY A LETTER LISTING ITS COMMODITY REQUIREMENTS FOR 1978. THE LIST INCLUDES 28 DIFFERENT ITEMS, SOME NEEDED IN VERY LARGE QUANTITIES. (THE STATE EMPLOYEES CO-OP PROVIDES BASIC CONSUMER GOODS AND FOOD TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AT SUBSIDIZED PRICES.)

2. THE PRINCIPAL ITEM ON THE LIST WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO AMERICAN COMPANIES IS 20,000 TONS OF RICE. ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES CO-OP, THE RICE WILL BE PURCHASED IN TRANCHES OF 5,000 TONE EACH, WITH THE FIRST SHIPMENT NEEDED BY OCTOBER. WE RECOMMEND THAT AMERICAN COMPANIES BE NOTIFIED OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND BE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL CONCERNING THE PLANNED PURCHASE:

ENG. L. A. LAMAR
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CABLE ADDRESS: AFSECOP

3. COMMENT: THE STATE EMPLOYEES CO-OP, UNDER NEW
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LEADERSHIP, IS PLANNING A VAST EXPANSION OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO SUPPLY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND THE MILITARY WITH BASIC COMMODITIES. WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT COMMODITY PURCHASES WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SCALE PLANNED, HOWEVER. THEREFORE, WHILE WE BELIEVE THIS OPPORTUNITY IS WORTH PASSING ON TO GRAIN EXPORTING FIRMS, THEY SHOULD BE WARNED THAT

THIS OPPORTUNITY COULD PROVE EPHEMERAL. WE ARE
FORWARDING THE COMPLETE LIST OF PORPOSED PURCHASES
TO THE DEPARTMENT BY AIRGRAM.
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